

REMARKS

Claims 1-15, 20, 21, 23-27 are currently pending. Claims 1-15 and 23-27 have been allowed.

Claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bayon et al (US 5,5561,675) in view of DiGiovanni et al (US 5237576. Claims 21-22 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claim 20, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly claim 20 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 22 and claim 22 has been cancelled. Accordingly, claim 22 is believed to be in form for allowance.

Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the cited references and is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below listed telephone number if, in the opinion of the Examiner, such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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